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25X1 9. [] called to say
that a Hungarian newspaper apparently has published a draft letter which
Senator Eastland and other members of the Senate Immigration Sub-
committee had planned to send to the President in 1967 expressing their
concern over the possible closing down of the Radios. Also included in
25X1A the Hungarian item was a copy of a handout supposedly given to Senator
Eastland by Radio Free Europe officials. According to []
25X1A information, the letter was not sent but we are checking our files to
see if a draft of the letter was made available which we could compare
with the one which has been printed in the Hungarian paper. []
expects to have a copy of the Hungarian news item by tomorrow morning.

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San Francisco Relations

More about a 'strange story'

YOUR editorial (Feb. 3) entitled "Fulbright and Cambodia" recounts a "strange story."

It states that last June Senator Fulbright "trumpeted . . . to the skies and . . . published as a committee document" a two-man staff report "highly critical of President Nixon's attacks on" communist sanctuaries in Cambodia. Your editorial also refers to a less critical report in December on the situation in Cambodia by the "same two staff members" and adds that "Senator Fulbright, who is always accusing the State and Defense Departments of covering things up, did not publish the second report and quietly inserted it in the Senate record without a public reading." Your editorial concludes by asking: "Should fair play stop at the Senate doors?"

The fact is that both reports were printed in precisely the same form and given to the press. As a matter of fact, the second report which you describe as supporting Mr. Nixon's position on Cambodia and undercutting the Fulbright line received much wider coverage than the first report because it was printed in the Congressional Record as well as being separately printed and distributed as a document.

I enclose both reports so that your editorial writer will have a full, factual record -- something that is usually helpful to editorial writers.

I might add that staff members Jim Lowenstein and Richard Moose have a reputation for objectivity and honest reporting. In that connection, I cannot resist pointing out that the excerpts which you took from the report did not include a single full sentence. One might get a bit more of the flavor of the report by reading its last sentence which poses the American dilemma: "One Cambodian leader remarked to us that having 'lost face' in Vietnam, the United States has now had an opportunity in Cambodia to regain its lost prestige."

Your editorial has indeed the characteristics of a "strange story."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The editorial in question was based on a published report, thought to be reliable, that unfortunately contained an inaccuracy. The Washington Daily News regrets the error. Nevertheless, the fact remains that Senator Fulbright gave less publicity to the second report than the first one, and the tone of the editorial was justified.